

**Expression of Interest  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Farm Service Agency (FSA)  
Development Opportunity Placement Program (DOPP)**

**Opportunity Identification Number:** FSA-06-DOPP-003

**Opening Date:** September 25, 2006

**Closing Date:** October 2, 2006

**Position Title:** Supervisory Information Technology Specialist

**Series & Grade:** GS-2210-14

**Duty Location:** Washington, D.C.

**Duration of Assignment:** Minimum of 31 days, Not to Exceed 60 days (Detail Not to Exceed is a temporary assignment to a different position for a specified period when the incumbent is expected to return to their regular duties at the end of the assignment.)

**Basic Eligibility:** The Development Opportunity Placement Program is open to all qualified current and full-time permanent USDA employees.

**Note:** This is an Expression of Interest, not a competitive vacancy announcement. Priority consideration will be given to eligible and qualified Class Agents listed in Tiers One and Two of the relief under the Basu Settlement Agreement for the first eighteen (18) months of the program.

**Who Is Eligible for Consideration:**

This Expression of Interest is limited to USDA permanent employees who are at the GS-13 or above grade level.

**Development Opportunity Assignment:**

Serves as the Program Manager providing leadership to project managers and other subordinates assigned to projects under his/her authority. Directs the development of operational procedures, instructions, and support necessary to ensure successful operational agency systems. Evaluates organizational and managerial implications of applications including staffing, training, budget, supporting staff and materials and equipment. Oversees the research within state-of-the-art Software Engineering domains, development of experiment and evaluates results to determine best approach for problems.

This employment opportunity identified through DOPP is a temporary assignment. The assignment is intended to meet temporary needs of the agency's work program. This opportunity is a developmental assignment and is expected to begin in October 2006. Developmental activities are those designed to develop or enhance specific competencies and abilities, e.g., on-the-job training activities, shadowing assignments, details, and special project teams.

At the end of the detail, the incumbent returns to their official position of record.

**Major Duties:** Serves as the Program Manager providing leadership to project managers and other subordinates assigned to projects under his/her authority. Directs the development of operational procedures, instructions, and support necessary to ensure successful operational agency systems. Evaluates organizational and managerial implications of applications including staffing, training, budget, supporting staff and materials and equipment. Oversees the research within state-of-the-art Software Engineering domains, development of experiment and evaluates results to determine best approach for problems.

**Bargaining Unit Status:** This position is not included in the Bargaining Unit.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Candidates must meet the basic eligibility requirements. Candidates must have at least one year of specialized experience, which demonstrates extensive knowledge of Federal ADP standards and regulations, systems analysis, system design, and applications development; and accomplishments of project assignments the require a wide range of knowledge of information technology requirements and techniques pertinent to the position; and skill in applying the principles, concepts, laws, and regulations of information technology, at the next lower grade level.

Credit will be given for appropriate qualifying unpaid experience or volunteer work such as community, cultural, social service, and professional association activities on the same basis as for unpaid experience. To receive proper credit for unpaid experience or volunteer work, fully describe your responsibilities and show the actual time (years, months, and hours per week) spent in such activities.

**Submission Requirements** (Incomplete packages will not be considered)

Interested candidates who meet the basic eligibility requirements may file for consideration by sending the following MANDATORY documents to the address indicated on the last page of this announcement:

- \* Resume or OF-612.
- \* Most recent Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50).
- \* Most recent performance appraisal.
- \* Narrative (not to exceed one page) of how the assignment will be commensurate with your interests, background and developmental needs and will enhance your career goals.
- \* Description (not to exceed one page) of skills and knowledge you will bring to the assignment.
- \* Development Opportunity Placement Program Coversheet.

\*\*Your submission must be received by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date of this Expression of Interest. Please submit your documents to the following address:

U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of Human Capital Management  
Attention: Michael D. Scott Fax: (202) 720-7850  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. Room 316-W  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9892

**For more information:** Please direct questions on the administrative process to Michael Scott at (202) 720-6104, and questions regarding the nature of the assignment to C. Mondina Jolley at (202) 401-0515.

**Information on Status, Benefits and Relocation Expenses:**

Travel expenses associated with the assignment will be reimbursed in accordance with applicable Government travel regulations.

**Reasonable Accommodation Statement:**

USDA provides reasonable accommodations to employees with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the submission process, please notify the agency. The decision on granting reasonable accommodation will be on a case-by-case basis.

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